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The Honorable Dale Bumpers
United States Senate
Dirksen Bldg., Room 229
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Bumpers:

As a Sheriff of Arkansas, I have numerous concerns about the proposed Billed Party Preference regulation. If this change were to occur, not only would it jeopardize the correctional facility inmate phone industry, but also the inmates, their families, and the entire criminal justice system. Because of this, I feel it would be in the best interest of correctional facilities to continue serving inmates as it presently does.

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Sincerely,

Carl Poteete

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Office of the Vice President
Old Executive Building
Washington, D.C. 20501

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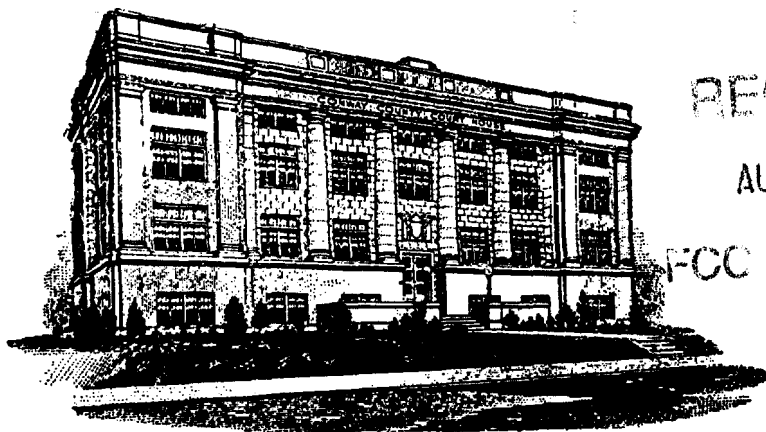
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Federal Communications Commission
FCC Secretary's Office
1919 M Street, NW Room 222
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sirs:

In reference to the purposed Billed Party Preference for 0+ interLATA calls, the San Patricio County Sheriff's Department is opposed to this change due to the following facts:

1. Lose blocking control of phones to prevent harassment of victims and witnesses.
2. Loss of revenue for counties and an increase in cost for the inmate's family
3. Loss of control of phone use and call duration.

There are other questions about this change and concerns about who will pay for this. We oppose the BPP and encourage the FCC to do the same.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leroy Moody".

Leroy Moody
Sheriff

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cc: Vice-President Al Gore
The Honorable Kika de la Garza
The Honorable Phil Gramm

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WEST CENTRAL MINNESOTA JAIL ADMINISTRATORS ASSN.

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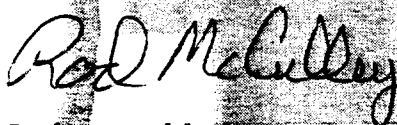
Dave Durenberger
~~U.S. Senate~~
Washington, D.C. 20515

Senator Durenberger:

The West Central Jail Administrators Association is a group of Jail Administrators that meets on a regular basis to discuss jail issues. This organization has approx. 25 counties in its membership. We as a group are very concerned about the possibility of "Billed Party Preference" becoming a reality. As a group we can foresee several problems that could be caused by this BPP bill. The three most serious ones are 1) no longer being able to put a block on a line. This means that inmates could call victims or victims family members and lockups would have no control over this. 2) Revenue to lockups would be lost. 3) The possibility of phone fraud could become more of a problem. If this BPP goes into effect and now in place systems need to be changed, who will have to fund the change?

We as a group strongly oppose the "Billed Party Preference" and encourage you to do the same.

Sincerely,



Rod McCulley
Acting Sec. WCJAA

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Mr. W. Canton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street Northwest
Room 222
Washington, DC 20554

CC Docket Number 92-77

Dear Mr. Canton:

We are writing to you concerning Billed Party Preference CC Docket Number 92-77. We are not in favor of Billed Party Preferences for many reasons. First, we are skeptical that such a system will ever work effectively. For many years there has been much discussion and many dollars spent (we hear billions) to no avail. One way or another, the consumer will undoubtedly pay for these expenditures. Moreover, who controls the proposed L.I.D.B base brings up other questions of proprietary interests.

In effect, the major carriers such as AT&T, MCI, and Sprint have already accomplished most of the objectives of BPP. The carriers have heavily advertised to their customers and the public to dial their respective "800" numbers or "10xxx" for access. It is evident from our observation of guest calling in our hotels that callers have received this message and increasingly dial these numbers to connect to their desired carrier. As rapidly as this behavior has been assimilated into the public's calling habits, it would appear that the need for an expensive, sophisticated calling system such as L.I.D.B. is no longer necessary. Surely we can spend our time and dollars on more important issues.

Please consider our comments in your rulings.

Yours very truly,

Rodney Forni
Executive Director, Maintenance

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The Honorable William F. Caton
Acting Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
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Washington, DC 20554

Re: Docket Number 92-77

Dear Mr. Caton:

King County is the owner/operator of Boeing Field/King County International Airport, a very busy general aviation airport with more than 400,000 landings and take-offs annually. We are concerned that our commission revenues would be in jeopardy with the adaption of the Billed Party Preference (BPP) being considered by the Commission.

As an airport receiving federal grants through the Aviation Trust Fund, we make certain sponsor assurances as a condition of those grants, among which is the obligation to charge appropriate fees to those who profit from airport activity, i.e. telephone commissions. In our opinion the Billed Party Preference threatens that assurance.

Although our pay phones receive heavy use, we have not had any complaints concerning the service. The Commissions are fair and equitable and we are pleased with the system as it is.

I ask that the Commission not consider favorably the Billed Party Preference.

Very truly yours,



Jack Frazelle, A.A.E.
Assistant Airport Manager

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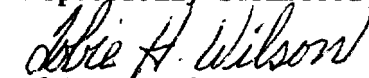
Honorable Senators and Representative,

Please let it be known that I am against billed party preference for
OT INTERLATA CALLS.

1. We will lose blocking control of our Inmates phone calls.
2. We will lose revenue stream and the inmate family phone cost could go up.
3. The potential for fraud will creep back into the system.

Along with these major concerns, we also see a problem with who is going to pay for all this. We eagerly oppose the BPP and encourage the FCC to do the same.

Respectfully submitted.



Tobie H. Wilson

Jail Administrator

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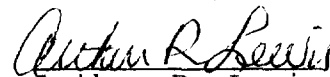
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In the Matter of:)
Billed Party Preference) CC DOCKET 92-77
For 0+ InterLATA Calls)

This department would like to express our concern regarding the Billed Party Preference for long distance telephone calls. If this is passed we would lose blocking control of our inmate phones. By blocking we can stop harassment of innocent parties on the outside and virtually stop scams and fraud. Also there is a possibility that costs for the inmate's friends and families could go up and we as a correctional institution would lose revenue.

We strongly oppose this Billed Party Preference and would hope that the FCC would do the same.

Thank You,


Arthur R. Lewis
Jail Commander

cc: Senator Richard Lugar
Senator Dan Coats
Congressman Frank McCloskey

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